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RE: Action Alert! Please Support HB 5403 on Pedestrian & Cyclist Safety

Stuff it. Keep your ridiculous regulations. I've been an avid rider for 35+ years, riding 200+/- miles per week. Your liberal rules creation machine will not change human behavior.

Why don't you take some of your abundant energy and use it for positive action? Perhaps instead of penalizing the general public with more unenforceable rules, and at the same time creating an us versus them vehicle/car mentality (especially with inexperienced newb riders, and inexperienced drivers) you can channel your energy into education. Maybe some car/bike *share—the-road* PSAs, posters on busses, TV spots with GoPro footage. (use your imagination, and enough with the legislation already, sheesh!). These should have the perspective of both car drivers and bike riders.

Taking a legislative approach is wrong and will never be adhered to (never mind enforced effectively). You can put up all the signs and paste "sharrows" everywhere, it will not change behavior. I try to ride almost every day year 'round, I know first-hand what driver behavior is about.

Good luck with your fruitless endeavor, just don't send me any more junk mail thinking that I'm on your "activist" side, just because I ride. The worst part about being a long time rider in this age is that I get pooled into to the assumption that your activisms share my needs. They don't!

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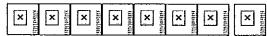


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To: Skwiot Noel - Hartford-HSB < Noel Skwiot@hsb.com>

Subject: Action Alert! Please Support HB 5403 on Pedestrian & Cyclist Safety





Action Alert Please Support HB 5403

Hi Noel!

Calling all bike ped enthusiasts!

Please let the Judiciary Committee and your legislators know you support <u>HB 5403</u>, An Act Increasing Penalties For Failure To Yield To Pedestrians In Crosswalks And Failure To Exercise Due Care To Avoid Hitting A Pedestrian Or Cyclist.

Please Submit Your Testimony in Support of HB 5403
Please thank the Judiciary Committee for raising HB
5403 and let them know you would like it to be passed this
year. If you've been hit or frequently encounter unsafe
drivers when you're out following the rules of the road,
please share your experience to make clear how much
work CT has to do to be a better place to bike and
walk. Include your name and town of residence at the

end. Please be aware that all submitted testimony is public record and will be linked on the Connecticut General Assembly website. Please copy your own legislators (<u>find them here</u>) and <u>bikewalkct@bikewalkct.org</u>. Send your testimony to <u>judtestimony@cga.ct.gov</u>. Download this sample message to personalize.

Can You Attend the March 2 Hearing?

A public hearing on HB 5403 will take place on Wednesday, March 2 at 1 pm in at the Gen Re Auditorium at UConn's Stamford campus. We encourage as many bike ped supporters as possible to attend the hearing. A strong showing would make a forceful statement. Please consider testifying too (you usually get 3 minutes max to talk). <u>Map</u>.

Bill Details

<u>HB 5403</u> would increase fines from \$90 to a maximum of \$500 for drivers who don't yield to pedestrians. Drivers who don't use care to avoid colliding with a bicyclist or pedestrian can also be fined up to \$500. The bill was proposed by the Judiciary Committee.

Thank you!

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